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Storm disaster averted Romulus man's wave runner dies, but he survives

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus water sports adventurer Stephen Hicks paid an unexpected visit to Canada at the height of last week's storm ... after braving about 15 hours of constant lightning strikes and massive waves.

Hicks, a heavily bruised 32-year-old father of four, revealed Monday the pleasure planned day last Tuesday nearly turned to disaster as his \$6,000 Wave Runner water craft sputtered when it ran low on oil and then came to a halt in Lake Erie.

His water-sport partner and co-worker, Floyd Franklin, sensing danger ran for help, hoping that he could find a

rope to tow the craft safely to shore at Sterling State Park.

But when Franklin returned, Hicks and his craft were not to be seen. He continued to hunt for his friend and then notified the U.S. Coast Guard.

Unfortunately by the time Coast Guard was notified a severe line of thunderstorms was belting the area with rain, five foot waves and heavy winds.

The storm thus delayed a major international effort to find Hicks until actually Wednesday morning. But just before the coast line hunt was about to begin the Coast Guard received word that Hicks had called his family and reported he was okay.

Hicks said he saw some

large freighters and police boats as lightning flashed during the long hours he spent traveling across the lake. He continually screamed for help during the night, until he lost his voice, Hicks revealed.

He hung onto his craft for dear life during this long ordeal, sometimes having doubts raised in his mind as to whether he would ever see his family again.

The life-saving effort caused severe blisters to develop on one of Hicks' hands and the bashing about in the water created deep bruises on this legs.

"But the man up there (pointing to the sky) really looked out for me and I was able to land the craft on the lone ramp on the Canadian

side of the lake. Every other spot was loaded with large rocks," the exhausted by exhilarated Hicks said.

When asked if he was a religious man, Hicks replied "I wasn't before this happened. But an experience like that strongly changes your life's attitudes."

Hicks found his way to a nearby Canadian home shortly after 7 a.m., where a woman named Sue Cowell gave him his first meal in over 24 hours, provided him with some clothing and a phone to make a collect call to his wife, Ronda, back in Romulus.

Prior to the donation of clothing, Hicks only had a pair of shorts, a University of Michigan cap and his water safety vest.

Ronda and Hicks's sister, Angie, of Detroit, were both devastated when they first heard of his disappearance. Hicks' children were standing at their mother's side, when she first received the news of his being missing, she said sadly.

Thus neither family got

much sleep that Tuesday night.

But when Ronda got the collect call from Canada the following morning...she was ecstatic. "As soon as I heard it was a collect call from Canada, I knew it was from him and I started jumping up and down." She then quickly passed on the joyful news to the extended family.

Ronda, her father, Ron Marz, and mother-in-law Angeline Hicks jumped into a family vehicle and rode to the Ambassador Bridge to await Hicks arrival.

When Hicks and his female helper arrived, they drove back to her home in Malden (Ontario) and retrieved his badly damaged Wave Runner.

Hicks is deeply disappointed the insurance company will only reimburse him \$1,000 for his damaged \$6,000 water craft...but he is deeply thrilled to be alive.

Coast Guard officials said Hicks ability to remain on his watercraft throughout the stormy ordeal was the key factor that kept him alive.



Romulus homes like this one off Grant road survived despite the collapse of a large tree. Unlike nearby Dearborn where many homes were smashed by trees, Romulus homes in most cases escaped serious damage. MCN Special Photo

Storm blacks out 75% of city homes, offices

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

While all of Romulus homes were not back with full electrical power Monday night, city officials were praising the teamwork between city workers, area residents young and old and Detroit Edison repair crews.

Mayor William Oakley kicked off the appreciation effort last week by issuing a letter to the editor outlining the "downed power lines that caused danger and disruption throughout the city. While the storm itself was terribly destructive, in its aftermath we have been witness to a tremendous spirit of cooperation with neighbor helping neighbor." City Council officials joined the thank-you procedures, expressing great feelings of pride for efforts by the city police, firefighters, Department of Public Works employees, etc.

Blocked roadways and downed powerlines were the major problems facing Romulus residents from Tuesday night on...in some cases power was out until Friday and Saturday.

Small pockets of homes were still out on Monday night. City Public Works Director David Paul praised his workers who labored well past

midnight last Tuesday to eliminate fallen trees from roadways as soon as possible.

"We didn't clean-up problems over night," he said, "but we made all of Romulus passable to traffic."

Because of the extensive tree and large branch fallings, Paul said, it could take 30-45 days to finish a complete clean-up and chipping of all fallen wood items.

On Monday, Paul revealed the city had acquired a second chipper to speed up the clean-up procedures.

David Cox, spokesperson for Oakley, revealed the mayor also rode about the town that stormy night reporting tree locations that needed to be handled quickly. Oakley also expressed his thanks to city workers, who took on the heavy work need without a grumble.

Romulus Police Lt. Eric Painter reported the power of the storm knocked out the police department's main regional radio hook-up at headquarters and for a number of hours, an emergency communication system had to be set up at the main Fire Department Station 4.

As traffic lights went out, Romulus police had to dig into their spare parts and erect stop signs at key intersections. All involved praised the

courteous actions of motorists at such crowded intersections for days. "Road rage was not evident thankfully during this major crisis," Painter said.

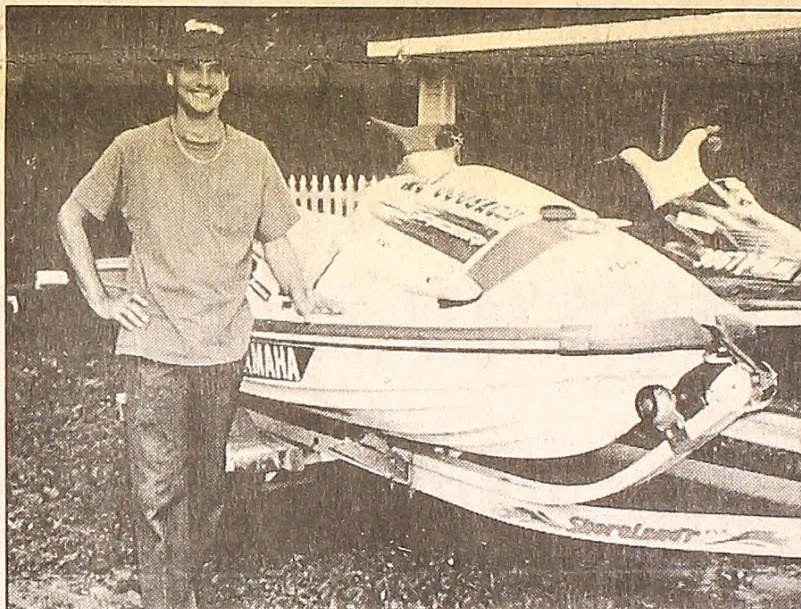
Oakley was warmed emotionally to see evidences of neighborly spirit as he traveled about town during the days after the storm.

Seeing extension cords extending from homes with power to those without power was a thrill, as well as reports that neighbors with available refrigerator-freezer were opening the doors to neighbors without electrical power.

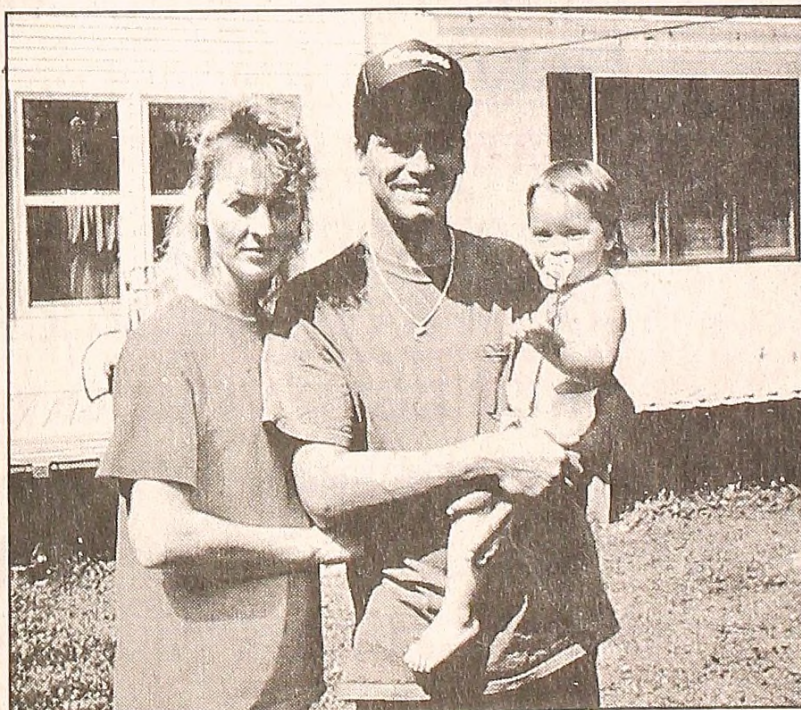
Cox said preserving food was one of the key issues expressed by local residents as late as Thursday. Oakley made arrangements with a local business to supply about 12 pounds of free dry ice to Romulus residents beginning at midnight Wednesday night. The city pledged to pick up the cost of the ice.

Printed notices about the free ice distribution were passed out to residents by local community police officers, Cox said, and many residents responded during the dark hours of Thursday morning.

Because of the heavy overtime costs to the taxpayers, Cox said, the mayor was planning to ask Gov. John Engler to declare Romulus a state disaster area.



Romulus adventurer Stephen Hicks can smile Monday despite the loss of his favorite water craft that is no longer seaworthy following last week's storm. MCN Special Photo



Home again! Stephen Hicks, who survived a perilous 15 hours in a storm-wracked lake last week, calmly holds his daughter, Miranda, while posing with his still shaken-up wife, Rhonda. MCN Special Photo

Judge Ferrara loses job

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Andrea Ferrara was ousted from the bench Tuesday by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Ferrara, who underwent a state Judicial Tenure Commission hearing in the Romulus 34th District Court last year,

had been brought up on charges after tapes supplied by her ex-husband Howard Tarjett Jr. showed she made anti-African American, Jewish and Arabic statements during conversations with Tarjett.

Ferrara originally denied the tapes contained her voice. Later she admitted the voice "sounds like me."

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Keep automobile production in the United States

I want to sound off about the automotive industry -- the GM strike and so forth. In the 1980s, the automotive people said, "Buy American! Buy American! Buy our American products and go for it."

So what's happening today? The automotive companies have all sold us out. They go to Mexico and China and Vietnam and they're using slave labor at \$10 a day. They're using slave labor and putting people out of work here. Tell me, how is someone going to buy a car for \$10 a day.

If they're going to make cars in Mexico, make it for Mexicans to buy. Take a Geo, put a John Deere tractor seat in it, no air conditioning, no radio, no heater, take out the airbags, and sell it for \$2,000. Maybe those people can buy it down there. We don't need their product here.

And everybody in America should stop buying things made with slave labor.

Maybe people will release that you have to keep production here and support the United States or they'll ruin everything for everybody.

If they need to outsource, outsource here in the United States.

In New Mexico, people are moving to Mexico because they're losing jobs here. Stop making cars in Mexico and maybe we can live again.

Canton road tax increase is unnecessary request

Why does Canton need a two-mill tax increase to pay for roads?

We're already paying road taxes at the pump and it's being used to fix our roads. It doesn't make sense to pay twice when the county is fixing our roads anyway.

Last year Michigan Avenue was resurfaced and Haggerty was paved. This year Hanford was paved and parts of Canton Center Road are being widened.

The roads are being fixed. The requested millage will only double the cost.

Vote no on the road tax increase.

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Maryann and Phillip Beckert

Vranich-Beckert united in marriage

Maryann O. Vranich of Garden City was united in marriage on July 18 with Phillip L. Beckert also of Garden City. The couple now live in Wayne.

The bride is the daughter of Frank and Betty Norton and the groom is the son of John and Mary Beckert.

The wedding ceremony took

place at St. Mary's Catholic Church with a small group of friends and family members in attendance.

Sister Patricia Hergenroether was the maid of honor. Phillip L. Beckert Jr., son of the groom, served as the best man.

Both are employees of the Delta Air Lines.

Romulus girl, 7, is in the top 10

Seven year old Kandice Jane Penn of Romulus recently won a top 10 spot in the 1998 Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Detroit Pageant competition.

She is the daughter of Brenda Penn of Biddle street in Romulus and will be going into the third grade this fall at Barth Elementary School.

She also is a cheerleader being trained by Charles Reece Jr.

Kandice, an attractive hazel eyed student is looking forward to a modeling career. She currently attends the 2nd Baptist Church's Sunday School program.

"I like reading and girl-talk," she told her interviewer Maureen Gower, this year's Detroit Pageant co-ordinator.

She also displayed her interview skills and her personality during a talk with a panel of judges that day.

Kandice thanked those who sponsored her at the Detroit competition.

She now is eligible for a competition that will be conducted in Orlando, Fla. at which time over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded.

Those wishing to support Kandice's upcoming Florida competition costs are urged to call Gower at 1-800-350-9063.



Troy Timko and Kimberly Sykes

Sykes, Timko planning to wed

Kimberly J. Sykes of Canton and Troy E. Timko of Westland are planning to marry on Aug. 15 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dallis and Bobbye Sykes of Canton. She is a 1985 graduate of Belleville High School and is now employed by the Wayne-Westland Fed-

eral Credit Union.

The groom to be is the son of Jerry and Nancy Timko of Westland. He has earned his Masters' degree from Oakland University. He is employed by St. Mary Hospital.

The couple plan to honeymoon at Dunn's River in Jamaica.



Kandice Penn

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Bolden seeks primary win for county seat

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Fred Allan Bolden, 43-year-old project coordinator for AT&T, is pressing Democratic voters in western Wayne County for the party's nomination for Wayne County Commission.

Bolden of Canton said he has been busy meeting leaders of communities in the 11th District in Wayne County -- a seat currently filled by Republican Bruce Patterson.

The first time candidate said he has conferred with top officials in his home township of Canton, as well as in Wayne, Romulus, Belleville, and Van Buren, Huron and Sumpter Townships to find out what they consider the top county issues affecting their cities and townships.

Bolden said they seem to

unite on three main issues: road conditions, the area jail situation and Metro Airport.

Bolden hopes that the county will do some important research to find a long term solution to the serious road problems Wayne County has...similar to what has and is being done in Europe."

On the jail millage issue, Bolden hopes to see efforts made to help create positive citizens out of our current jail and prison inmates, rather than making them better criminals.

And having traveled worldwide for a number of years and seen many foreign airports, Bolden said, he hopes that Metro Airport becomes a regional economic hub also.

"We need to have businesses located there that give good assurances that products and clothing purchases there

can be exchanged, if found wanting for any reason," Bolden said.

Such practices will aid area residents as well as foreign guests and other travelers.

Bolden released his candidate statement declaring "I can only make one promise to those I serve and that is to work hard for you. I will follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather, which means I will offer respect for a person knowing that is the highest duty of good will you can offer."

He revealed he has set a \$1,000 budget for his whirlwind campaign, which includes walking, riding and biking through various neighborhoods.

"I will not be a stranger...you will see my family attending church, shopping at local establishments and oc-



Fred Bolden occasionally dining out," he added.

The former college professor and his wife, Laura Ann, have two children, Thomas John, three and a half years old, and Danielle Marie, 16 months.

He earned his B.S. degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit back in 1980 and a masters degree in Computer Information Science in 1994.

Wayne County declared disaster area

Governor John Engler today declared a State of Disaster in Wayne County and the City of Warren in Macomb County due to widespread damage from severe thunderstorms July 21.

"Many Michigan families were affected by this week's storm, which resulted in severe damage to homes, businesses and public facilities," said Governor Engler. This declaration will speed the cleanup process and help return things to normal as

quickly as possible."

The disaster proclamation will permit the affected jurisdiction within Wayne County and the City of Warren in Macomb County to request "Section 19" funding under the Emergency Act-up to \$30,000. The Governor's action follows a local state of emergency declaration by the two jurisdictions.

Yesterday, the Governor declared a State of Disaster in the City of Dearborn.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, August 17, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-058-08-98, a request to amend Chapter 29, Subsection 92 of the Sign Ordinance, Requirements Applicable to Billboards, to establish standards for construction and location of Billboards. And, to consider PC-059-08-98, a request to amend Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance. General Provisions, Subsection 4.07 of the Zoning Ordinance, requirements applicable to automobile service stations, to establish standards for automobile service stations.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, August 17, 1998 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-30 1998 RESURFACING PROGRAM

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., August 11, 1998. At that time said bids would be publicly opened.

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(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the total bid price will be required.

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CITY OF INKSTER PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Inkster notice is hereby given that the polling place locations for the Primary Election that will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., are as follows:

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Precinct 2 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlisle

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Precinct 1 - Recreation Complex (Meeting/Lounge Room) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 2 - Recreation Complex (Multi-Purpose Room) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 3 - Chateau Cherry Hill - 213 Henry Ruff (Residents Only)

DISTRICT 3:
Precinct 1 - Lincoln School - 3414 Ash
Precinct 2 - Department of Public Service - 26900 Princeton
Precinct 3 - Demby Community Center - 4360 Hickory
Precinct 4 - F.L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia
Precinct 5 - Thompson Towers - 27727 Michigan Avenue (Residents Only)

DISTRICT 4:
Precinct 1 - Hicks School - 100 Helen
Precinct 2 - St. Norberts School - 27335 Woodsfield
Precinct 3 - St. Norberts Social Hall - 27335 Woodsfield

DISTRICT 5:
Precinct 1 - Pilgrims Travelers Missionary Baptist Church - 2945 John Daly
Precinct 2 - Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis

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Delphine G. Oden, CMC
City Clerk

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Retired Cadillac engineer Steve Stronski lectures one of his computer classes at Westland's Friendship Center.

Seniors brave computers

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

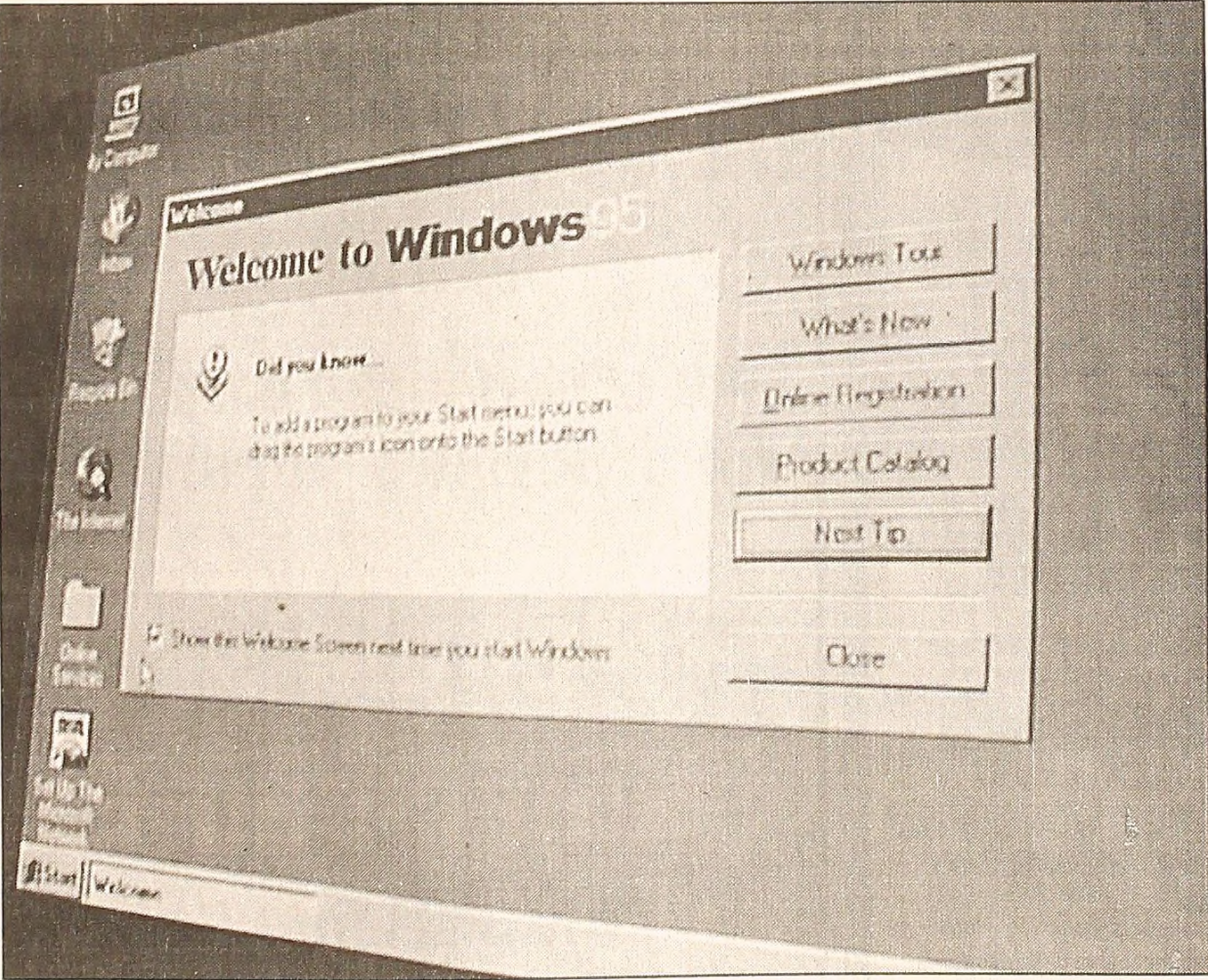
Computer fears are calmed down in new classes on using Windows 95 at Westland's Friendship Center.

"Seniors often feel intimidated by computers," said Gerontologist Barbara Marcum, the Friendship Center's supervisor. "In our classes seniors are learning with peers so they feel comfortable here."

The 170 seniors who voluntarily donate \$3 to take the six to eight week course have the advantage of the center's brighter light -- a mixture of florescent and incandescent for better vision -- and the large eye-friendly computer screens.

Classes, which are taught by retired Cadillac engineer Steve Stronski, meet four days a week. Call 734-722-7628 for times. Using a projector, Stronski takes students from the basics of computing through the essentials of Windows 95.

"Students can also come here and practice," said Marcum, who said it's common for seniors to play Solitaire and other games in the center's multifunction room.



Screen projections of Windows 95 helps seniors lose their fear of new technology.

\$150,000 lottery ticket sold by Romulus retailer

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A Milford man revealed that he purchased his winning \$150,000 Big Game lottery ticket for the July 14 contest at Ecorse Market, 39315 Ecorse road in Romulus.

The winner, William Plemmons, matched the first five numbers in the day's contest: 5, 7, 15, 33 and 48. The Big Money Ball was 13.

Plemmons, a 51-year-old

General Motors employee, said he has been a regular lottery player since 1972.

He and his wife, Pat, will have plenty of time to decide how to spend their winnings. "We already had a vacation planned," he said, "so we'll think about it while we are gone."

An avid traveler and Beanie Babies collector, Plemmons said he plans to continue purchasing lotto tickets.

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By RITA BEDELL
Police Beat Writer

Wayne Fire Reports

The City of Wayne Fire Department made the following reports from July 13 through July 20.

3 vehicle fires, 4 "other" fires and 41 rescue calls.

Also during the same week, Wayne Fire Officials attended a gathering at Rotary Park to meet with the public and checked blood pressures for seniors at the Senior Center.

Van Buren Reports

Someone in the 51000 block of Capitol reported prowlers on the loose. Police went and searched the area and could not locate the suspects.

A rollover accident with injuries was responded to on July 10 at Haggerty and Tyler Roads.

A warrant arrest was made on July 10 at Rawsonville and Michigan Ave.

Tyler Road was the place for officers to be on July 11 in the early morning hours.

At 12:42am, a person was arrested for drunk driving.

Then at 1am, the K-9 unit was called in to search a vehicle for narcotics.

An arrest was made for possession of cocaine and marijuana.

Another drunk driving arrest was made on July 11. This one at 1:26am at I-94 and Haggerty Road.

The Super 8 Motel called in a suspicious person complaint on July 11 at 3:41pm.

Officers went to check out the complaint and made an arrest due to assault and battery of a police officer.

An arrest was made on July 12 on Riggs Road for a domes-

tic violence problem.

Two persons were taken into custody and lodged at the jail while officers investigate a case of retail fraud at Meijers.

A medical emergency was called in to the fire department on July 12 for someone falling down the stairs.

The person was taken to St. Joes and treated for injuries.

A homeowner on Quirk Road stated that there was someone on their roof.

Officers went to the home, but no one was up there.

An arrest was made on July 13 for a breaking and entering charge in the 700 block of Huron River Drive.

A fight in the 11800 block of Quirk Road sent one person to the hospital and landed one in the custody of police.

The dive team recovered a stolen vehicle that was submerged in the lake at Harbour Club Apartments on July 15.

A reckless driver at Haggerty and I-94 refused to stop when approached by a patrol car.

The driver was followed as far as Sibley and I-275 where he was finally stopped and arrested for evading police.

A double arrest was made on July 16 in Belle Square for narcotics.

The vehicle which the suspects were in was taken as forfeiture.

A serious injury accident at Belleville and Tyler Roads on July 16 resulted in 4 persons being taken to the hospital.

Another arrest was made at Meijers for retail fraud on July 16.

A disorderly person was reported to officers on July 17 at

7:20am in the area of Harbour Club and the Diamond Back Saloon.

The person was arrested on felony charges.

There was an attempted breaking and entering in the 51200 block of Colony Lane on July 17.

An injury accident was responded to at the S. Service Drive and Hannan Road on July 17 at 11:46am.

Three lockouts were handled by officers within one hour of each other on July 17.

The first call was at 3:26 in Bellewoods, the next at 3:56 at KMart, and the last at 4:20 at Big Boy.

All three instances, officers were able to gain entry.

A larceny report was made from a home in the 43000 block of Robson.

Domestic problems sent officers to help at a location in the 9700 block of Belleville Road.

From the 8700 block of Belleville Road, some neighbors were having problems and called police to help solve them.

A call from the 41000 block of N. Woodbury reported domestic problems on July 17 in the late evening hours.

More domestic problems on July 18 sent officers to the 7700 block of Beck Road.

A drunk driving arrest was made on I-94 at Rawsonville Road on July 18 at 2:20am.

A breaking and entering report was made from the 6700 block of Roger.

A fight at the Shell Station on July 18 resulted in one person being arrested.

An injury accident at Hag-

gerty and Ecorse on July 18 at 10:42am sent one person to the hospital for treatment.

A stolen vehicle was recovered on Old Michigan and 2 persons were arrested in the case.

A drunk boater on Belleville Lake was arrested on July 18 at 5:52pm.

A call from the 2095 block of Rawsonville Road made the charge of retail fraud.

A foot pursuit followed and an arrest was made.

A warrant arrest was made on July 18 at 9:57pm on Michigan Ave.

Domestic problems in the 9800 block of Wheeler resulted in one arrest.

Someone reported an unsupervised child at Hidden Cove Apartments on July 19. Officers went to the unit and could not locate the child.

There was a large party on Denton north of Ecorse on July 19 at 2:40am which prompted a call to police.

Officers went to the location and one person was taken into custody.

Police were called to a home in the 9000 block of Parkwood for domestic problems on July 19.

Due to the situation at hand, 2 arrests were made.

A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 8700 block of Belleville Road on July 19.

Verbal domestic problems sent officers to a home in the 11000 block of Jackson on July 19 at 12:49pm.

There was an emergency call of a rollover accident on July 19 at west bound I-94 and Hannan.

The call was transferred to Romulus Police for investigation.

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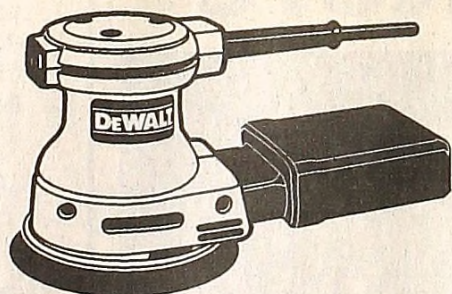
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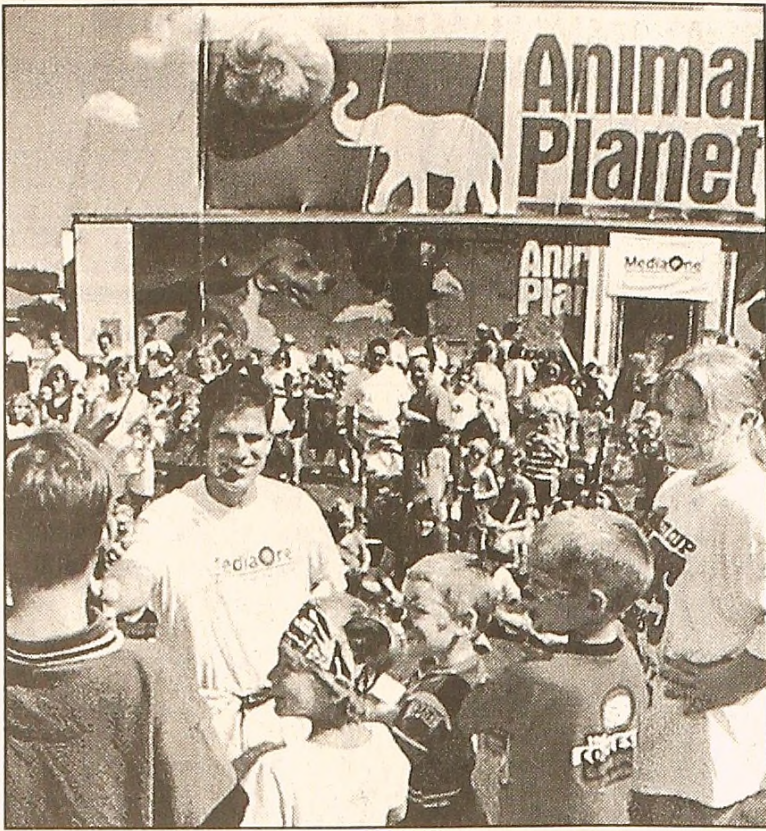
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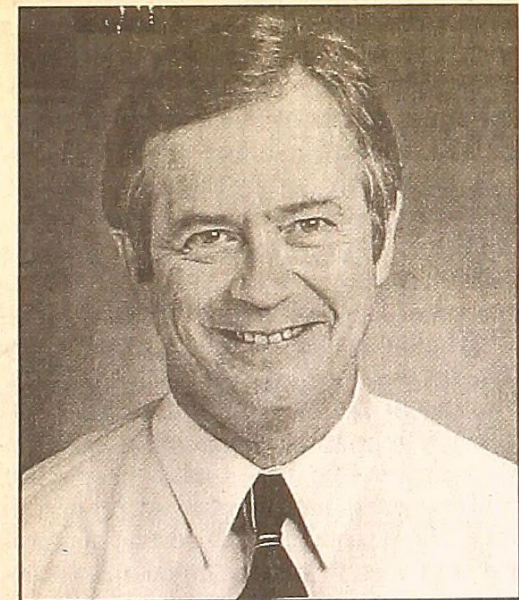
Rescue mission

Who can resist the appeal of puppy dogs and kittens or other cute pets? Approximately 3,500 Metro-Detroit residents couldn't resist the appeal. On July 25, they came to the Westland Mall to see the Animal Planet Rescue Mobile on display. The 80-foot vehicle is used across the country to promote disaster preparedness and demonstrate rescue techniques. Visitors to the Westland Mall event toured the vehicle, watched live animal rescue demonstrations, and enjoyed face-painting, snowcones, and premiums from Animal Planet, the American Humane Association and MediaOne. During the event, MediaOne also collected pet food for the Westland Humane Society. Approximately 300 pounds of food were collected.



Denise Wood wins dinner for four

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Ryan's Family Steakhouses, Denise Wood's entry was pulled from a box of hundreds of entries. Ms. Wood (at right) of Livonia was the winner of Dinner for Four. Two additional winners will be announced later.



- **Experienced With Juvenile And Family Law Problems**
- **Supports An "Impact Tax" On Residential And Commercial Developers To Pay For Roads**

Hartnett for Commissioner

County government has been beset by infighting, name-calling and an inability to work with county executive and other county commissioners.

If I am elected, that will change. My campaign will not deal with personalities, but issues instead. Here are my positions on some issues:

- I support the new Family Law Court- because I believe that the breakdown in the family unit is the county's, and nation's number 1 problem.
- I support the Road Millage request because it is an absolute necessity to fix the roads now.
- I support the imposition of an "Impact Tax" on builders and developers to pay for roads, sewers, and other infrastructure improvements.
- I believe that all children need to be supported by BOTH parents, and that they need a relationship with both parents that the courts must support.

THOMAS H. HARTNETT

- Special Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
- Army Veteran
- Married 29 years, 2 grown children
- Endorsed by the Plymouth-Canton Democratic Club, and by Bill Joyner former Democrat Commissioner For this District
- Member Local 1659 AFSME - AFLCIO 10 years

Vote Tuesday, August 4, 1998
Thomas H. Hartnett
DEMOCRAT

Wayne County Commissioner

Canton Center road fix brings County closer to improving poor roads

This week Wayne County will begin the much-needed widening and reconstruction of Canton Center road from Cherry Hill to Ford. The project represents Mile 66 of the 141 miles of poor roads Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara promised to fix between 1997 and the end of next year.

"We're at the mid-point of our three-year program and are half-way down our to-do list, which puts us right on schedule," said McNamara. "By the end of next year every one of our existing poor roads will have been resurfaced or rebuilt."

The Canton Center project, which will include adding two traffic lanes, a center turn lane, curbs and under ground storm drains, will cost approximately \$3 million and be completed in November. This week crews will begin removing the old concrete and excavating for the new lanes and

the new drainage system. Traffic will be maintained one lane in each direction.

"This project is one of our most important this year, in terms of its cost and its impact," said McNamara. "This is just one of several major projects we have coming up in Canton Township."

In addition to the Canton Center project, Wayne County also plans two other major congestion-reducing projects next year: Widening Haggerty Road from Ford to Warren and extending Morton Taylor road, from Ford to Warren. In 2000, the county plans to widen and reconstruct another mile of Canton Center road, also from Ford to Warren.

The combined cost for all four of these major projects is approximately \$10 million. When added to the several road resurfacing, gravel road paving and bridge projects Wayne County has scheduled

over the next two years, the county's investment in Canton roads over the next few years will exceed \$12 million, which is more than any other community in Wayne County.

The county's expanded road improvement effort is possible thanks to a \$60 million bond program McNamara initiated last year called Partnership '98. The program nearly doubles the county's road construction pace by supplementing its existing state and federal road funds with county bond money.

Last year-an average construction season-the county fixed 35 miles of its worst roads. This year, a record \$52 million is paying for the repair of an additional 58 miles, including Canton Center. That leaves 48 miles to repair in 1999 to eliminate all 141 miles of county road that were rated in poor condition at the beginning of last year.

Duff family hosts student

Mr. and Mrs. John Duff of Belleville will welcome a new "son" in August 1998-Matthias Claudius Franz, a Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange student from Germany. Matthias, who will be a student at Belleville High School in Belleville, will live with the Duff family for an Academic Year.

As a member of the Duff family, Matthias will participate in all family activities, from vacations to household chores. While sharing the culture of Germany with his host

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family and schoolmates, he will learn about U.S. culture.

YFU, established in 1951, is one of the world's oldest and largest nonprofit international exchange organizations, dedicated to international understanding and world peace. About 4,000 U.S. families open their home and hearts to YFU

international students each year.

More information about hosting YFU international students is available from YFU's volunteer for the Belleville area, Jeffrey Meyer at 734/467-9762 or by calling YFU's regional office at 1-800-USA-0200.

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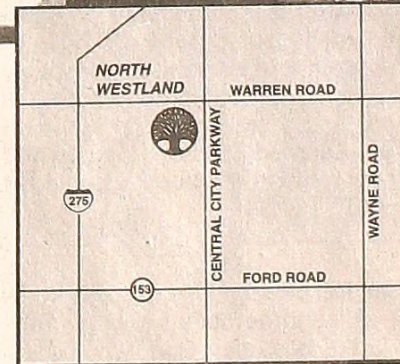
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Special interests slug it out

Republicans Bruce Patterson and Debbie Whyman head my preferred candidates list in the Aug. 4 primaries, but I can't vote for either. Because of the governor's race, I'm voting in the Democratic primary.

Patterson, who is running to replace Rep. Whyman in the southwest corner of Wayne county, is perhaps the most accessible and approachable politician I know. While county commissioner, he seemed to be everywhere at once, raising residents' concerns, especially about Metro Airport's failure to compensate neighbors suffering from excessive noise.

While I don't agree with his road policies, I must credit the thought he puts into every issue. Right or wrong, Patterson is open and will do what he thinks is best.

Whyman is close to the gutsiest Republican in Lansing. Unlike Gov. Engler, a clever politician who has become an election year tree hugger, Whyman doesn't follow the polls. She stands up for her principals, which include the traditional values that made America great. While she won't be able to save American culture in the public schools nor auto jobs in the private factories, she can be trusted to keep an eye on Engler as he sacrifices all to his ambitions - I suspect he wants to be President Gore's secretary of education.

That's why I will be voting for Larry Owen in the Democratic primary.

I'm reluctant to vote for Owen because he probably can't beat Engler. Geoffrey Fieger - who says all the right things about returning local control to the schools, cutting taxes, and planning growth - stands the best chance to beat Engler. Problem is, he hasn't said how he will accomplish his goals. In that way he resembles Sharon McPhail in her campaign to win the Democratic nomination for county executive. Both are sweet talkers.

But what's behind Fieger's pitch? My guess is that he will represent the trial lawyer's special interests, which is to enrich trial lawyers at any cost, including the civilized values that should govern re-

lations instead of petty lawsuits.

Unlike Fieger, Owen's and Doug Ross's special interests are no secret. Ross is the teachers' union stooge; Owen the UAW's.

In my opinion, Ross is out because his master, the Michigan Education Association - with its opposition to tenure requirements and its multicultural agenda - is almost as dangerous as the trial lawyers PAC.

On the other hand, the UAW - which owns Owen lock, stock, and barrel - is fighting the good fight. It's main goal is to protect manufacturing workers being sacrificed to global trade. While the problem may not be solable. I have no problem with the special interest of American factory workers.

If Sharon McPhail is a sweet talker, County Executive McNamara is a doer. While I disagree with his goals, I can't dispute his record of success nor deny his countywide popularity.

McNamara claims to have created or preserved more than 18,000 jobs and brought more than \$2 billion in new investment to Wayne County; brought the Lions to Detroit and saved the Tigers; and created HealthChoice, an affordable health care for small businesses in the county.

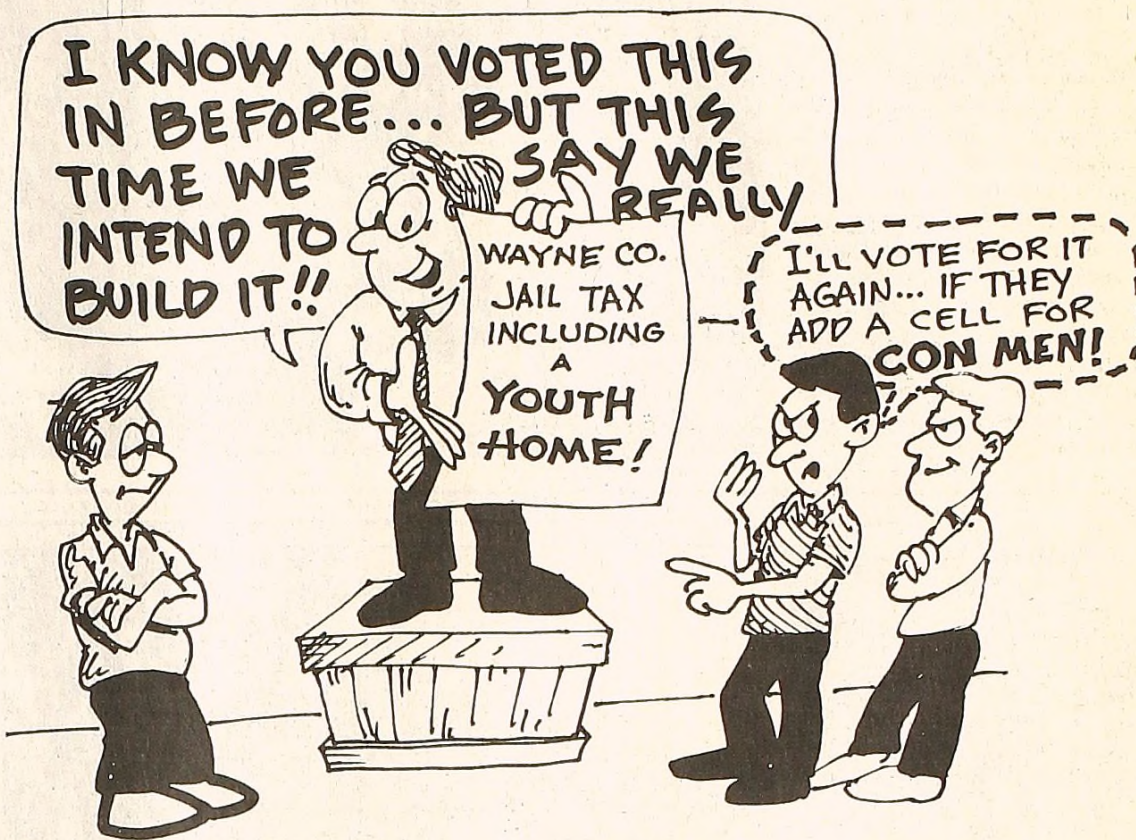
McPhail can only claim what's left of Coleman Young's political machine.

As for the ballot issues, they're ironic. One issue asks voters to stiffen the requirements on countywide tax increases by requiring a two-thirds majority of county commissioners to put tax increase proposals on the ballot and a 60 percent majority of voters to pass them. Other issues ask voters to increase their taxes.

If voters want all those taxes, they might as well vote against the supermajority requirement. To favor taxes and not oppose the restrictions would be schizophrenic.



Ivan Helfman



Supermajority proposal tops mundane primary

It's Primary Election time next Tuesday and now that City's and townships have switched to four year terms, this off-presidential year seems terribly mundane.

On the local level there are a few contested races. One is the 21st District House seat which features a two-way battle on the Republican side. Current County Commissioner Bruce Patterson is campaigning against Canton sales representative Patricia Fatyma. Our endorsement in this race goes unequivocally to Patterson. As a county commissioner for two terms, Patterson developed a reputation of someone that is truthful, hardworking and very principled. As a full-time county commissioner, Patterson was quick to respond and always available for his constituents. We suspect he will be one of the better legislators if elected to Lansing.

In the 9th Senate District three Republicans and two Democrats are vying for the seat. Republicans have fielded three strong candidates- County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, former State Representative Jim Ryan and 21st District State Representative Deborah Whyman. Although we would be happy with any of the three, our endorsement goes to Whyman. She led the fight to abolish Recorder's Court which gives the voters of Western Wayne the right to vote for all judges. Her politics are conservative, and many times too extreme for our liking, but overall Whyman has been an effective representative.

On the Democratic slate we favor Canton Township attorney Marc Susselman over Northville Township former teacher Carol Poenisch. Susselman, a fiscal conservative plans to lead the fight for small business tax breaks.

A third local race of interest pits four Democrats against one another as they battle for the 11th County Commission seat. The winner will take on Canton Township's Melissa McLaughlin. The contestants are Fred Bolden, Thomas Murphy Hartnett, David Parrott and John Sullivan. We think Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Hartnett and attorney David Parrott are the best choices. Hartnett supports an impact tax that would force residential and commercial developers to pay for roads, sewers and other infrastructure improvements. Parrott champions his experience as a public pension attorney overseeing hundreds of millions of public employee pension dollars.

Two proposals have been placed on local ballots. Van Buren Township will vote on Proposal P, which is essentially the renewal of the public safety millage which stands at three mills for five years. A "yes" vote, which we favor, would maintain the current levels of funding. The Van Buren police department currently operates on a budget of \$3,050,000.00; while the fire department is budgeted at \$635,835.00 and 911 dispatch receives \$310,700.00.

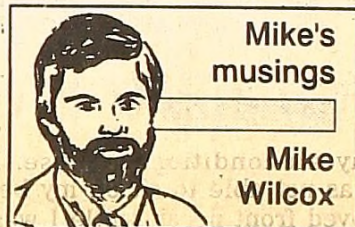
In Canton Township, voters have an opportunity to authorize township officials to levy taxes to improve roads. Called the Dedicated Road Improvement Millage, the proposal calls for no more than two mills to be levied each year for eight years. In year one the two mills would raise an estimated \$3,600,000 for roads. Traveling Canton Township roads, each and every day, I am the first to agree they are overcrowded and in rough

shape. Yet spending 2 mills to fix them, after all the other tax increases that seem to come our way each and every year, is not an alternative I favor. Maybe County Commission candidate Thomas Hartnett's proposal to have the developers cough up the money for road improvements is a better idea.

Proposal A on the county-wide ballot is the much talked about Super or Supra majority issue. The proposal simply asks that the Wayne County Charter be amended to require a two-thirds vote of Commissioners serving to place on any ballot any proposal for a tax increase, and a vote of more than 60% of the qualified electors of Wayne County voting thereon to adopt any tax increase.

The proposal has its roots in Western Wayne where disgruntled legislators have opposed many countywide tax increases that have been initiated by Detroit legislators. Detroit voters outnumber county voters, thus pretty much have their way when voting tax increases. The more fiscally conservative Western Wayne voters have a better opportunity to stop some of these proposals if 60 percent approval is required. Opponents claim the proposal is unconstitutional. The basic concept of one-person, one-vote would be trashed by the supermajority, so they say.

Although this is a tricky issue, our position is in favor of Proposal A. Make it as difficult as possible to raise taxes - that's what we say. Finally, in the Democratic race for County Executive, we suggest voters retain Ed McNamara as their nominee. McNamara's list of accomplishments is endless. Improvements in the parks system, a downward spiral in crime statistics, and fiscal conservatism that has put the County in great financial shape are items McNamara can take credit for. He has truly been a friend of Western Wayne. His opponent, Sharon McPhail, has criticized problems at the airport, jail and morgue, but her campaign has failed to get out of the blocks. On the Republican side we support Herb Scott, a Canton Township resident who is vice-president of Major Pharmaceuticals and treasurer for the Republicans in the 13th Congressional District.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN BY PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Common Sense Used By Uncommon People

Dear Mr. Ross: My husband and I both work every day in our small town of 668, so you can bet we aren't striking it rich. This is our home though, and we believe it's a very good place to raise our 3 kids, instead of in the hustle and bustle of the city.

God blessed us with a special child. He was diagnosed at an early age as being learning disabled. His doctor basically told us he would never become a doctor or a lawyer. In our eyes he will be successful, no matter what he chooses to do. This was his first year in junior high and things became difficult. With the love and support of his family, we made it through. We are thankful he likes school and never says he's going to quit, which brings me to why I wrote. I'm asking that you consider \$300 for a down payment on a computer and we will make payments on the balance due. There are so many teaching tools available on computer that through repetition will increase his ability to learn. Our children are the most precious gift God has given us. We, as parents, will do anything we can for them.

Mrs. L. R. ... *Review Messenger*, Sebek, MN

Dear Mrs. R.: You have a leg up on most parents and I'll tell you why. They, too, care about their children, but when they write for computers, 99-percent of them request the full \$2,000 needed. Not so with you, which is why I'm sending \$300 for the down payment, plus an extra \$100 for the first month's payment. It's been a privilege to help you out.

Dear Mr. Ross: This letter is for my husband, Martin, although he does not know I'm writing you. Martin is the best man God ever created. Twenty-seven years ago, we were married at the tender age of 16. It was the best thing I ever did. Martin works hard every day to pay the bills, then comes home and helps me around the house because of my back injury. He does not drink or go out with his friends at night. He has

one hobby-fishing. When he goes fishing he fishes from shore because he cannot afford to rent a boat. He has tried to save his money several times but something always comes up, either the car needs to be fixed or the kids need something. Mr. Ross, I have seen ads in our local paper where people are selling used boats for as low as \$200. I would really love to get this man a boat!! If you could please help me, someday I'll find a way to pay you back.

Mrs. T. B. ... *Times-Leader*, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear Mrs. B.: If you were to cast your nets into the water, you wouldn't find a better catch than what you have in Martin.

Good behavior should be rewarded, so get ready to reel in the \$200 I'm sending so you can purchase your husband a used fishing boat. Here's hoping after a day of fishing that you and Martin have bigger fish to fry-in more ways than one.

Dear Readers: This column is special in that it's my 800th-the first appearing over 15 years ago on March 27th, 1983. In that time, there has been an average of 3 letters printed per week, or 2,400 in total. I receive an average of 2,000 letters a day, or 10,000 a week. In 15 years-78,000,000 letters have been read to print those 2,400. In terms of man hours, my staff and I average collectively 400 hours a week-or 312,000 hours since we began. I might add that my Editor, Miss Webber's golf handicap has come down by 20 strokes, so at least she hasn't spent all her time working. I'll be 82 years old this November. God willing, I'll make it to my 1,000th column. With your continued support as loyal *Thanks a Million* readers, perhaps I will.

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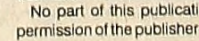
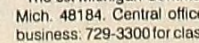
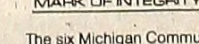
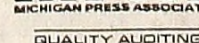
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Letters to the Editor

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July 30, 1998

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Some residents deserve tax abatements more than Ford

To the Editor:

I was shocked to see the bold print on the front page of my last *Wayne Eagle* proclaiming the pleasure of granting Ford Motor Co. a 12-year tax abatement.

In the past I have had a "ho hum" attitude about these things. I'm not particularly political and keep most of my opinions to myself.

However, after reading your article in the July 16 issue of the *Wayne Eagle*, I felt I had to tell someone how I feel about this decision.

I am a life-long resident of Wayne. I graduated from Wayne High School in 1948. I sent 5 children to Wayne schools.

This past year my husband and I petitioned for relief from our taxes on our home. We have lived in our present home for 36 years; through good times and bad. My husband is a World War II veteran and will be 70 years old in September.

Two years ago, when the new sewer work was done in the city, our street was torn up and then put back together again. A drain that was in front of our house was moved north 2 houses. From then on we had sewer flood conditions on our side of the street backing up all the way to our driveway, between our garage and our neighbor's garage and behind the two garages into the next yard.

During that noisy, dusty work, I made three trips to the hospital with heart problems. When I was home the noise and dirt kept me confined to my air-conditioned house. I was not able to sit on my beloved front porch while I was recuperating. We took snapshots and videos of the flood conditions and some men came out 3 or 4 times to see the mess. Later the drain that had been in front of our house and moved, was put in again.

We are not happy with the condition of our street. We never had a muddy street until it was torn up 2 years ago. Our street is unpaved. We were assessed quite an amount of money to have sidewalks replaced. Because of my husband's age and my medical condition, we asked for relief from our taxes.

We were denied.

Now you see why I am so

angered over the tax abatement given by our city to Ford Motor Co. Thank you for letting me blow off some steam. This is very unlike me, but I guess if pot boils long enough it will boil over.

I should add we are unable to do anything more than unavoidable maintenance of our home and property. My husband would have to hire any work done and our finances are not equal to that.

Our trust and faith is in the Lord, not Wayne, Michigan, so we will be okay. Is it wrong to ask for help once in a while?

Thank you again and keep on speaking your mind.

Patricia Bell
Wayne

Marvelette blasts Inkster mayor, council for ingratitude

To the editor:

May 30, 1998 The Marvelettes were honored by the Southwest Block Club, for their contribution to the record world as well as putting the city of Inkster on the map.

What a total disappointment that none of the elected officials of the city were present to represent the city and its many residents. It is now a well known fact that Esther Gordy Edwards, director of the Motown Museum and all of her staff were on hand for this occasion.

I'm more than aware of the dispute between the elected official and Larry Motley and the S.W.B.C. However, the Mayor and the council should have been big enough to put political differences aside to join in the celebration for at least a couple of hours.

Before the Marvelettes, no one knew of Inkster and its location until we not the mayor or the council caused for it to be added to the map. A couple of us (the Marvelettes) still reside in the city.

This should be one for the

"Wall of Shame" for such childish behavior on their behalf.

Katherine Anderson-Schaffner
The "Original Marvelettes"

Technology is the most dangerous God of all

To the Editor:

Wall Street worships many false gods. But, the god of technology is the most dangerous god of all.

Presently, computers and the internet are viewed by Wall Street as our ticket into the new golden age of prosperity. Internet stocks like Amazon.com and Yahoo! are soaring obscenely. But, historically, similar technology-based speculative episodes have occurred in the past. Consider:

The Panic of 1907 was caused by the over building of and speculation in Railroads. Back in the 1850's canal building was the "hot new thing". Until it too collapsed into financial panic.

But, the 1920's was the most incredible technology boom of them all. Cars, refrigerators, telephones, talking pictures and radios changed peoples lives profoundly and forever. While new skyscrapers, airplanes and dirigibles dazzles us with images of an amazing future yet to come. It was truly a Golden Age. The Age of Lindbergh and RCA. Until it too collapsed in the Panic of 1929.

By comparison, the 1990's technology boom doesn't really come close to the 1920's. This is the Age of Bill Gates and Microsoft and the other barefoot boy billionaires of Silicon Valley.

We've been down this road before. Wall Street worships many false gods.

Yahoo!
Walter Warren
Westland

Romulus Mayor thanks all for storm clean-up effort

To the editor:

The severe storm which hit Southeastern Michigan on July 20, 1998 hit the city of Romulus especially hard. Power outages, fallen trees and downed power lines caused danger

and disruption for thousands of residents. While the storm itself was terribly destructive, in its aftermath we have been witness to a tremendous spirit of cooperation where neighbor has helped neighbor and people have pitched in together to get through and make due. To all our citizens who have taken the time and gone to the effort to assist each other, thank you. It is that spirit that has always made Romulus a great city.

A special thanks also to all our Department of Public Service employees, many of whom had severe storm damage at their own homes, for working the long hours to see to it that roadways were clear for residents and emergency vehicle traffic. Our Fire Department and Police Department did an outstanding job answering calls and getting help to those in need.

Due to the severity of the storm, there is work yet to be done. Please extend to the crews still working the same spirit of cooperation you have shown one another. Working together, we will get the job done faster and safer.

To everyone who worked together to make this experience more tolerable, thank you.

Very truly yours,
William M. Oakley, Mayor
City of Romulus

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To the Editor

Senior citizens, a soon-to-be first time father, community members without school-age children, and many moms and dads make up the newly formed Citizens Committee for Plymouth-Canton Children.

The diverse members of this group are working together toward a common goal: the passage of the October 3rd Replacement Bond for the building of a middle school. The district's lease of Lowell from the Livonia Public Schools expires the summer of 2000, necessitating the Replacement Bond vote.

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The Citizens Committee for Plymouth-Canton Children is chaired by former school board President Mark Horvath.

The new committee still lacks an important element-you. An hour or two of your time, your ideas, and your commitment are welcomed by the current committee members.

The Citizens Committee for Plymouth-Canton Children meets each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The July 29 meeting only will be held at the E.J. McClenodon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey in downtown Plymouth. The August and September Wednesday meetings will be held at 40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 (Directly across from the Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury dealership).

Giving just a little of your time means that your will have a significant impact on the future education of every child in the Plymouth-Canton School community.

The Citizens Committee for Plymouth-Canton Children
Martha A. Trafford
Committee member

County commission candidate favors developmental impact tax

To the editor:

I read my copy of your paper on July 23, and the article by Ivan Helfman caught my eye. "Road Millage plan won't ease congestion". I agree with him that Canton's congestion is caused by poor planning. I am a candidate for Wayne County Commission in the 11th District (Democrat). Most of the people I have talked voiced

similar opinions. Among others, I support the Road Millage because it has become a necessity, I believe that when it comes to road taxes, the wrong people are paying them. I favor an Impact tax that would be charged to the developers of new residential and commercial projects. The impact tax would fund improvements to roads and other infrastructure improvements necessitated by the new developments. If this had been in place, no Road Millage would be needed.

I am familiar with the Lotz-Ford road intersection. It is overcrowded now most times not just rush hour. There should be no new development there until a plan is devised to handle the increase in traffic.

I would also like to thank the voters of the 11th District for giving me the opportunity to talk to them about their concerns. Hopefully, with their support, I can continue doing so in the fall campaign.

Thanks,
Thomas Murphy Hartnett
Candidate County Commissioner
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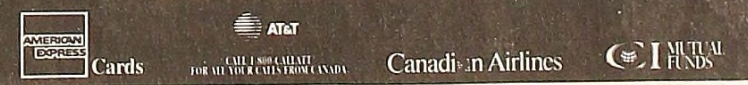
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Seniors on the go

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Local seniors are joining National Night Out effort

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Police, senior citizen and neighborhood watch groups will be teaming up next Tuesday to promote crime prevention efforts during the 15th annual National Night Out.

Night Out efforts initially were linked to making neighborhoods safer by lighting front porches, etc during the night, feeling bright lights frighten away criminal types.

This year the program in Romulus has been increased via efforts by the Community Police officers and local senior citizens and even has gained the attention of Mayor William Oakley.

Oakley in turn has issued a proclamation stating the program "provides a unique opportunity for the citizens to join forces with other communities across the nation in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts."

These annual programs, Oakley's proclamation states, "have reduced crime, drugs and violence in the city," and thus he urges "all citizens to join the police department and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting" the Night Out program.

The major activities next Tuesday will take place at the city's senior center from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Police Officer Joseph Richardson revealed that the local group has purchased National Night Out items to be awarded to winners of various contests during the above listed hours.

Some of the contests will include: dancing competitions, basketball shoots, dart throwing and ring tossing contests.

To add to the fun that night, a dunk tank is being set up, hay rides will take place, face paintings will be effected and Las Vegas moments will be shared.

In addition the Romulus K-9 Corps and Bike Police will put on displays and demonstrations.

Another major Night Out activity will be at the Romulus Senior Towers, across from the city's senior center.

There a country jamboree will take place. In addition, Ronald McDonald will make an appearance, a craft show and a vintage car display will occur.

Both police units, the K-9 Corps and Bike Police, will also be on hand.

Other activities and their sites include:

• **Metro Mobile Park** from 7 to 9 p.m. will feature a barbeque at the community center.

• **Southeast Neighborhood Watch** from 6 to 8 p.m. a block party and barbeque has been slated. Romulus Community Police will be on hand to taste-test the food. Neighborhood Watch volunteers also will help out at the senior center after their festivities are completed.

• **Rudgate Mobile Home Park** are planning a community stroll from 7 to 8 p.m.

• **Jones Neighborhood Watch** also plans a community stroll from 7 to 8 p.m.

Richardson said the above groups also planned to canvas their neighborhoods with NNA '98 door hangers to help promote their activities. Residents also have been asked to put on their porch lights to show support for the program.

Since Police Chief Charles Kirby realizes that crime prevention is not a one night event, he urges residents to step up their crime awareness 365 days a year.

He revealed in the past year, Romulus evidenced 221 burglaries, 963 larcenies and 281 car thefts.

The local police are geared to lowering those statistics, Kirby said, and urged local residents to join in that effort.

Because of that realization nationwide, the National Night Out campaign this year has added a "Project 365."

Local groups are being urged to set up designations for particular problem areas in the community. In some towns it was said they may have problems where drug dealers have taken over local



Romulus Police Night Out activists are shown preparing for next week's crime prevention program. From left are: Officers Anthony Norman, Joseph Richardson and Rose Cooper, Police Chief Charles Kirby and Sgt. Joseph Wedesky. MCN Special Photo

parks, teenage gangs may be plaguing particular areas or graffiti may be more visible in certain locations.

Results of police/citizen work in those areas should be announced. National Night Out awards will be offered to those

making the greatest strides to correct those problems.

For those first joining the NNO program, national leaders have urged residents to start small...such as correcting poorly lit street corners,

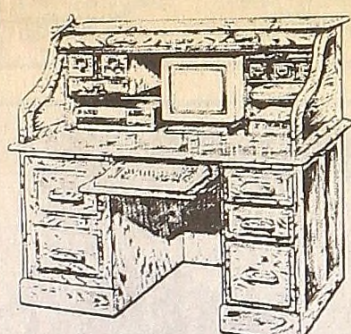
expanding Neighborhood Watch programs, removing trash and broken bottles from troubled areas.

More information on the NNO program will be published after next Tuesday's events.

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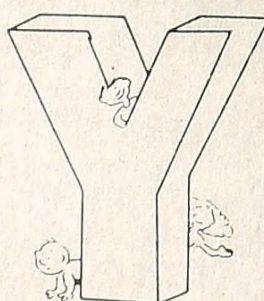
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Service News

David J.G. Williams has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Wayne.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 towards a college education. After individual training in their career specialty, Williams will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on July 16.

He is the son of Wanda and stepson of Calvin Lewis of Westland.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Robert Digby has arrived for duty at RAF Lakenheath, England.

Digby, an avionics maintenance apprentice, is the son of Charles D. and Lee W. Digby of

Westland.

He is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland.

Army Pvt. Robert J. Donnellan has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Donnellan is the son of Joseph L. and Colleen P. Donnellan of Westland.

Army Pfc. Michael D. Sawchuk has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in Secretary of the Army. The recipients have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplished the act with distinction.

Sawchuk is an assistant machine gunner with the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

He is the son of Donald M. and Rose V. Sawchuk of Canton.

The private is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Alexander W. Schultz, son of Pamela and Larry Schultz of Belleville, enlisted in the Air Force July 1st.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a security forces apprentice, said Staff Sergeant Gilbert Beavers, the Air Force recruiter at 15195 Farmington Rd.

Schultz, a 1998 graduate of Belleville High School, will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Newston, daughter of Velence and Brent Hamilton of Romulus, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program June 30th.

Newston, a 1998 graduate of Romulus High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on September 9th, according to Senior Airman Lakeisha Binion,

Air Force recruiter, 23400 Michigan Avenue.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training as a security forces apprentice.

She will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

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PAINTING EXHIBITION Expressionist painter George McCullough from Fort Wayne, Ind. will open his one person

art show at 6:30 p.m. July 21. It will run through Aug. 26 at the J.Funk Fine Art Inc. of 2203 River road in Maumee, Ohio. For more information call 419-897-7755.

BASEBALL DAY is slated to begin at 3 p.m. Aug. 8 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State st. in Ann Arbor. Howard King will read the classic poem *Casey at the Bat*. Other baseball related actions will also take place.

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SINGLE MINGLE DANCE is slated at 8 p.m. every Wednesday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club at Telegraph road, south of 8 Mile road in Redford. Proper attire is required. Dances are open to those 21 and over. Cost is \$4 and the dance hotline is 313-842-0443.

REDWING AUTO-GRAPHS Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby of the Detroit Red Wings will be on hand at the Wayne Brewery (Michigan avenue west and Second street) in Wayne beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 30th. Only 1,100 tickets are being sold for \$45 for the two autographs. For more information call 734-729-7912 or 810-905-6649.

NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP for pool-players will be held Aug. 28-30 in conjunction with the First Annual Olhausen International Team Championship from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 at the Electric Stick, 6581 N. Wayne road in Westland. The International Championship will be filmed and shown on ESPN.

DEXTER DAZE FESTIVAL will be held Aug. 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day in downtown Dexter. Entertainers will include Fantasy Puppet Theatre, LaRon Williams Storyteller and Zeemo's One Man Circus for the kids. Over 90 arts and crafts exhibitors will be on hand and a parade will take place at 10 a.m. Aug. 8. For more information call 734-426-2888.

25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR PLYMOUTH CHORUS will be celebrated on Oct. 2 with a gala ball at Laurel Park Manor in Livonia. For more information call 734-459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI. 48170.

INKSTER A.A. ANNIVERSARIES will be celebrated Aug. 20 at Holy Family Church,

27800 Annapolis in Inkster. The main speaker will be Ron N. For more information call 313-563-8242.

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM sponsored by the Belleville Tigers Swim Club will be conducted at the Belleville High School Swimming Pool. Programs will be run Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 734-697-8381.

THE BELLE OF AMHERST will be offered at 8 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council facility at 774 N. Sheldon road in Plymouth. Ticket cost is \$27.50. Later offerings will be Innocent Merri-mont on Oct. 23 and Parisian Soiree on Nov. 13. For more information call 734-416-4ART.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL regular meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Canton Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center road and Palmer in Canton. For more information call the BNI regional office at 734-397-9939.

COUNTRY WESTERN GET TOGETHER is slated for noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh road. Tickets for the luncheon-social are \$6 for Friendship Center members and \$9 for Westland resident non members. Meal will include BBQ ribs and chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, scalloped potatoes, watermelon, dessert and beverages. For more information call 722-7632.

MOMS CLUB OF WESTLAND a non-profit, non-secular support group for stay-at-home moms will meet at 10 a.m. Aug.

12 at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor trail (use east entrance into church). For more information call Stephanie Stotiker at 734-266-2919.

FAMILIES NEEDED for foreign exchange students during the 1998-99 school year. For more information call 1-800-382-7439.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL registrations are now being conducted at the St. Aloysius Catholic School of Romulus for grades K-8. Kindergarten is an all day five day program. A new computer lab (three days a week), physical education (two days a week), vocal music (one day per week) are offered. Instrumental music is also offered via Penquin Music. For more information call 734-941-5050.

FLEA MARKET is slated for Aug. 8 on the grounds of historic Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Sales are sponsored by the Canton Historical Society. No resale items will be allowed. Sales items should be antiques, crafts, collectibles, and even garage sale items.

For more information call 734-981-1475.

SUMMER DANCE FOR SINGLES is slated at 8 p.m. on Aug. 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Warren road, west of Sheldon road in Canton. Tickets cost \$8 and includes cost of pizza, pop and a top 40 DJ to spin the tunes. No blue jeans please. For more information call 734-480-7830.



Pumpkin Festival

Romulus Pumpkin Festival plans are speeding up now as the second annual downtown fest draws nearer -- Sept. 19-20. Samantha Lipkowski of Romulus is shown at last year's festival, where she displayed several of the prize pumpkins. MCN Special Photo

Memorial blood drive held

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Over 70 area residents turned out July 13 to donate blood in the memory of former John Glenn High School student John Robert Lee Anusavage, who died in a traffic accident on Dec. 18, 1997.

A former school mate, Mandy Long, helped start the blood drive project because of John's early relationship with her in grade school.

"He was one of the few people who welcomed me to sixth grade at Madison Elementary School," she said. "Since I never really got to say goodbye to him, I decided this would be an appropriate way to honor him."

Long checked with Diane

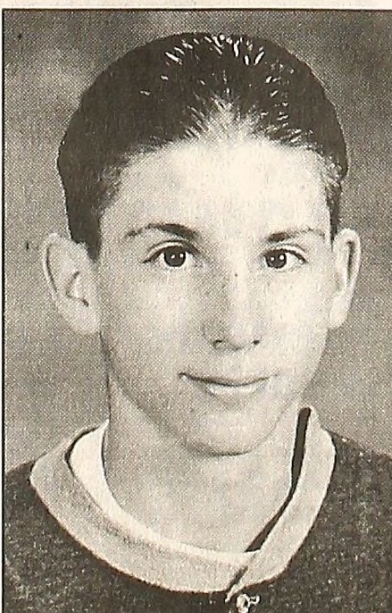
"I decided this would be an appropriate way to honor him."
- Mandy Long

Risko of the American Red Cross and set up the blood drive at the Harris-Kehrer Veterans of Foreign War Post 3323.

The blood drive results will help up to 200 persons, Long said.

Assisting her in the blood drive effort were: Angel Clements, Paul and Christine Waybrant, Kim Lawrence and Mary Ann Brewer.

Long extends her thanks to the residents, who donated blood, and for the help the effort received from the VFW.



John Anusavage

CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

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Local Church News

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

New leadership team begins at the area Salvation Army

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Only days after finishing leadership training school in Illinois, Lts. Chuck and Betty Yockey have begun their new careers at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Yockey, 39, a former car salesman and country and western singer, revealed he has few changes planned for the local Salvation Army Corps - following Capt. Mark and Sue Welsh's excellent efforts here.

The Welshes recently were transferred to Minnesota.

Years back, Yockey said, he remembers playing his bass guitar and singing at local bars on Friday and Saturday nights, and then going to church on Sundays.

But after meeting and dating the woman, who has since become his wife, Yockey said he "felt the Lord telling me to give up the bar entertainment field."

Yockey said he began to file the paperwork it takes to become a Salvation Army officer a while back, but then let it "fizzle."

But three years ago, he met a pair of new and spirit-filled Salvation Army officers, who helped change his life and inspired him to begin the intensive two year studies program needed to become officers.

One of the light ironies, Yockey said upon his recent leadership school graduation was he was one of the last to find out where he was going to be assigned.

"With a last name beginning with 'Y' it is not hard to understand the tail end appointment announcement," he said, "but he was pleased to learn that several of his school mates were also assigned to the



Chuck and Betty Yockey

Metro-Detroit area."

The Salvation Army trains husbands and wives to work as a team at various Salvation Army Corps throughout the world.

Yockey said local Corps members found out early that he and his wife are a indeed a team, as she preached at a religious service the first week they were in the Wayne-Westland area.

The couple also have four children: Danny, 13; Matthew, 10; Christopher, 9 and Michelle, 8.

Following several geographical changes in recent years, the Yockey youngsters are looking forward to starting school this fall.

The Army is busy right now

with summer camp schedules and getting the leadership transition completed, he said.

"The membership has been extremely friendly and supportive for my family," Yockey said, and "we expect this to be a very fruitful time together here in Michigan."

Yockey said he has already begun initial plans for a major bowl-athon this October, as a fundraiser for the Army.

The Ramage Family concert group - formerly from the Canton area - will perform at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy road in Canton.

The family includes: Doug, an evangelist currently residing in North Carolina with his wife, Cheryl, and three chil-

dren.; Don, a ticket agent for a major airline lives in northern Kentucky with his wife and two sons; and Lisa, a music teacher from the Cincinnati area. She formerly toured with the Continental Singers while in high school.

For more information call the church at 734-455-0022.

The Interfaith Connection invites Jewish grandparents to bring their interfaith children to a Grand Get-Away Family Camp Weekend at the Butzel Conference Center in Ortonville from Aug. 7 to 9.

Grandparents will have the opportunity to share their Jewish heritage with their grandchildren and meet other grandparents who are in a similar situation.

The weekend will include Shabbat programs, indoor and outdoor activities and plenty of staff to help create lasting lifetime memories.

For more information call Sue Stettner at 1-800-397-4876.

Roller blade hockey activities are currently being conducted from 8 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday outside the Romulus Wesleyan Church - next to Mary Ann Banks Memorial Park on Goddard road (near 5 Points) in Romulus.

The program is open to all youth ages 13 to 18 - both members and non-members of the church.

Participants need to bring only hockey sticks and skates or roller blades to compete.

The church headed by Pastor Steve Adams and Youth Director Gary Lafever will supply the adult supervision, hockey nets and cold drinks.

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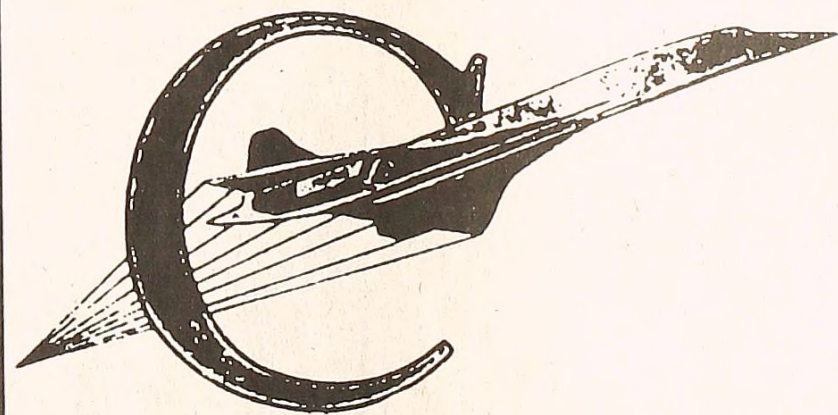
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Applications are available in the Personnel Dept., 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. Completed applications must be received in the Personnel Department by 4:30p.m. on Aug. 6, 1998. Resumes without completed application will not be accepted.

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